

REMARKS

Claim 30 is amended, claims 14-25 are canceled, and claims 37-54 are added; as a result, claims 1-13 and 26-54 are now pending in this application.

As further explained in the "New Claims 37-54" section of this response, no new matter has been added through new claims 37-54.

Claim Objections

Claim 30 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 30 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim "14-25." See MPEP 608.01(n). Examiner suggests if claim 30 is dependent on claim 29, then the dependency over 14-25 be deleted from the claim language.

Claim 30 has been amended by incorporating the features recited in claim 14 explicitly, instead of by reference. In addition, the phrase "according to any one of claims 14-25" has been deleted from the claim language.

The amendment is in accordance with the suggestion made in paragraph 8 of the Office Action. Therefore, as indicated in paragraph 13 of the Office Action, the claim is now in allowable form. Applicants respectfully request notification that claim 30 is allowed.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 14 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Lei Tang (Method for Encrypting and Decrypting MPEG Video Data Efficiently) recited in the IDS, paper number 4 by Applicants. Claims 14 and 20 are canceled, so the rejection is moot.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 15-17, 19, and 22-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lei Tang (Method for Encrypting and Decrypting MPEG Video Data Efficiently) recited in the IDS, paper number 4 by Applicants, in view of Rhoads (U.S. 5,457,533 B1). Claims 15-17, 19, and 22-25 are canceled, so the rejection is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 12, 13, 26-29 and 31-35

Claims 1-12, 13, 26-29, and 31-35 were allowed. Applicants acknowledge and thanks the Examiner for the indication that these claims are allowed.

Claim 18

Claim 18 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants direct attention to new claim 37, which incorporates claim 18, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, into claim 37.

Claims 21 and 30

Claims 21 and 30 were indicated to be allowable if they overcome the objection rendered above; and if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With respect to claim 21, Applicants direct attention to new claim 46, which incorporates claim 21, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, into claim 46.

With respect to claim 30, Applicants believe that, as noted above in the "Claim Objections" section of this response, the amendments to claim 30 place this claim in condition for allowance.

Claim 36

The Office Action Summary at checkbox 6 indicates that claim 36 is rejected. However, the Office Action states no grounds for a rejection of claim 36. Further, claim 36 depends from claim 12, wherein claim 12 has been allowed. Therefore, claim 36 is also allowed. Thus,

Applicants believe that including claim 36 in the list of rejected claims at checkbox 6 was inadvertent, and respectfully requests notification that claim 36 is allowed.

New claims 37-54

Claim 37

Claim 37 corresponds to claim 18 of the claims on which the Office Action was based. It includes the features of claims 16 and 15. Thus, as indicated in paragraph 12 of the Office Action, this claim should be allowed.

Claims 38-45

Claims 38-45 correspond to claims 17 and 19-25, respectively, of the claims on which the Office Action was based. All these claims relate to systems including all the features of a system according to claim 37, and should therefore be allowed.

Claim 46

Claim 46 corresponds to claim 21 of the set of claims on which the Office Action was based. It includes the features of claim 20. Therefore, according to paragraph 13 of the Office Action, this claim should be allowed.

Claims 47-54

Claims 47-54 are based on claims 22-25 and 15-17 and 19, respectively, of the international application as filed. Thus, these claims do not extend the subject-matter of the application unduly. As each of these claims relates to a system having all the features of a system according to claim 46, claims 47-54 should also be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney 408-278-4042 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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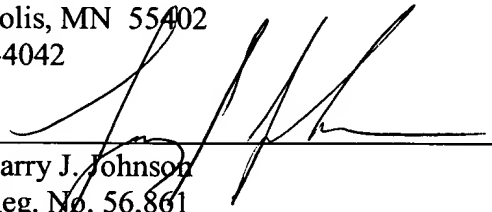
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